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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. FRG AMBASSADOR SHAM PASSED ON FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS
OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD HERE ON OCTOBER 10 WITH EGYPTIAN
AMBASSADOR KADER.

A. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, KADER SAID THAT
SOVIETS WERE GIVING "FULL SUPPORT" TO THE ARAB CAUSE,
AS EVINCED IN BREZHNEV'S LETTER TO BOUMEDIENE.

B. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN TREATY
OF FRIENDSHIP, KADER SAID THIS WAS THE BASIS FOR
SUPPORT WHICH SOVIET UNION WAS EXTENDING EGYPT. KADER
CONTENDED THAT THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WAS NOT
REFERRED TO IN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT PUBLISHED
OCTOBER 8 BECAUSE THAT DOCUMENT REFERRED TO BOTH
SYRIA AND EGYPT. TREATY COULD NOT BE ALLUDED TO SINCE USSR
HAS NO SIMILAR TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH SYRIA.

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C. KADER DID NOT CONFIRM SPECULATION THAT SOVIET ADVISERS HAD BEEN EVACUATED. HE SIMPLY SAID HE WAS ALSO AWARE OF THE RUMORS.

D. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS VIEWS REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, KADER SAID THAT "NO INTERVENTION WOULD BE ACCEPTED" BY THE ARAB STATES.

E. REPLYING TO A QUERY, HE SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CURRENT MILITARY ACTIVITY IS TO MAKE ISRAEL MORE REASONABLE. EGYPT WANTED RESOLUTION 242 FULLY IMPLEMENTED. NEITHER VICTORY OVER NOR DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL IS EGYPT'S AIM. KADER ADDED THAT IF THE ISREALIS BOMB DAMASCUS, THEY MUST ALSO REMEMBER THAT HAIFA AND TEL AVIV ARE VULNERABLE. EGYPT DOES NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN THIS TYPE OF WAR.

2. ON THE BASIS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH KADER, FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM THOUGHT THAT KADER HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO STRESS WITHOUT ANY QULAIFICATIONS THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO THE ARABS. IT APPEARED TO SAHM THAT KADER, HOWEVER, HAD NO REAL INSIGHTS INTO THE CURRENT SOVIET POSITION OR MOSCOW'S PLANS IN FORUMS SUCH AS THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. ACCORDING TO THE MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR, KADER HELD A BRIEFING FOR ARAB AMBASSADORS HERE IN MOSCOW ON OCT. 8. AT THAT MEETING HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS KNEW IN ADVANCE OF THE PLAN TO UNDERTAKE MILITARY ACTIVITIES, BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW THE EXACT TIME THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE TO BE INITIATED.
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